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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. CONFIRMATION NO. APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE FIRST NAMED INVENTOR 018842.1204 2651 Tomohiro Chiba 10/077,907 02/20/2002 **EXAMINER** 07/08/2004 24735 LEO, LEONARD R **BAKER BOTTS LLP** C/O INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER THE WARNER, SUITE 1300 1299 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, NW 3753 WASHINGTON, DC 20004-2400

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Advisory Action	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Leonard R. Leo	3753	
The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address			
THE REPLY FILED 03 June 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.			
PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]			
a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection. b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.  ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).  Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).			
1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.			
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered by	ecause:		
(a) ☑ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);			
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);			
(c) ☑ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or			
(d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.			
NOTE: The recitation of "continuous" and "recess" portions requires further consideration.			
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):			
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).			
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:			
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered be raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.	cause it is not directed SOLELY	to issues which were newly	
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendmen explanation of how the new or amended claims w		•	
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows			
Claim(s) allowed:			
Claim(s) objected to:			
Claim(s) rejected:			
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:			
8. The drawing correction filed on is a) app	proved or b) disapproved by	the Examiner.	
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)( PTO-1449) Paper No(s)			
10. Other:			
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		Leonard R. Leo Primary Examiner _Art Unit: 3753	

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